

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3385–3388, and S. Res. 519–523. **Page S5047**

Measures Reported:

S. 1266, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to build on and help coordinate funding for the restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–183)

S. 2018, to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship. (S. Rept. No. 112–184)

S. 3264, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program. (S. Rept. No. 112–185)

Report to accompany H.R. 3902, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to revise the timing of special elections for local office in the District of Columbia. (S. Rept. No. 112–186)

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Measures Passed:

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 103rd Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 520, commending the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 103rd anniversary. **Page S5023**

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 521, designating September 2012 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Page S5023**

National Child Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 522, designating September 2012 as “National Child Awareness Month” to promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States and recognizing efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States.

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Firefighters and Military Personnel Recognition: Senate agreed to S. Res. 523, recognizing the heroic efforts of firefighters and military personnel in the United States to contain numerous wildfires that have affected tens of thousands of people. **Page S5024**

Measures Considered:

DISCLOSE Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3369, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 179), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5008**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5008**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be agreed to; and Senate proceed to the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, upon reconsideration. **Page S5050**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 91 yeas to 3 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. EX. 178), Kevin McNulty, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S5003–07, S5050**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—179)	Pages S5007–08

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2012 and adjourned at 12:26 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, until 10 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5050.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Thursday, July 12, 2012, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gene Allan Cretz, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Deborah Ruth Malac, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, David Bruce Wharton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, and Alexander Mark Laskaris, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community. Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, July 17, 2012.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the "Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act", focusing on two years later, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine if consumers are adequately protected from flammability of upholstered furniture, focusing on the effectiveness of furniture flammability standards and flame retardant chemicals, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the status of action taken to ensure that the electric grid is protected from cyber attacks, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the next ten years in the fight against human trafficking, focusing on attacking the problem with the right tools, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine United States vulnerabilities to money laundering, drugs, and terrorist financing, focusing on HSBC case history, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "The American Energy Initiative", 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled "Global Challenges in Diagnosing and Managing Lyme Disease—Closing Knowledge Gaps", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.